UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MICHAEL RAMSAROOP,

Plaintiff,

-against-

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.,

Defendants.

20 Civ. 4947 (ER)

MEDIATION REFERRAL ORDER FOR *PRO SE* EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION CASES

EDGARDO RAMOS, United States District Judge:

IT IS ORDERED that this *pro se* case is referred for mediation to the Court's Mediation Program. Local Civil Rule 83.9 and the Mediation Program Procedures shall govern the mediation. Unless otherwise ordered, the mediation will have no effect upon any scheduling order issued by this Court, and all parties are obligated to continue to litigate the case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall attempt to locate *pro bono* counsel to represent Plaintiff at the mediation. *Pro bono* counsel will contact Plaintiff directly. The time to assign a mediator under Local Civil Rule 83.9 and the Court's Mediation Program Procedures will be deferred until *pro bono* counsel has filed a Notice of Limited Appearance of Pro Bono Counsel. *Pro bono* counsel will represent Plaintiff solely for purposes of the mediation, and that representation will terminate at the conclusion of the mediation process.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any objection by Plaintiff either to the mediation or to the Court's request for *pro bono* counsel to represent Plaintiff in the mediation must be filed within 14 days of this order.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 13, 2020

New York, New York

EDGARDO RAMOS United States District Judge